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HUTCHINSON, KAN.

Dec. 26--Some records were broken for this area last Fri. when the temp. went down to -20°. On Christmas Day we had another surprise when the Nisly family enjoyed a game of kick ball at Daniel Nislys' with the temperature at 60°.

Ronald Miller came home after being in El Salvador for almost 2 years. He came home earlier, as his job was at a standstill due to the unrest there. He flew to Washington, D.C. and visited his sisters before traveling home by car, stopping in Ohio to see another sister and his special friend, Brenda Stutzman.

Vernon Millers, Conrad and Enos Miller went to Ga. to be with dau. Joann and they continued on to Fla. to see the Daniel Miller family, a bro. and son to Enos.

Gary Millers went to Ohio to spend Christmas with her family, Mrs. Alvin Beachy. Addison Benders went by plane to N.Y. to be with his mother and family.

Norman Yutzys are in Va. with her parents, the Isaac Stoltzfuses, and Phil Yutzys went to Montana to be with her parents, Walter Masts, for the Christmas season.

Mahlon Waglers had all their children here during Christmas. Ernie Pletts are from Can., Rene Waglers and Timothy Jacks from Okla. and Nelson Wagler from Pa.

Gary Nolders from Pa., Sheryl Nisly

from Pa. and her friend John Barkman from Ind., Duane Wagler and Tim Nisly from K.C., Jr. Nisly and Stan Andersons from Calif. are home during the Christmas season with their families.

Omar Millers from Ark. and Vernon Yoders from Ohio are here with their parents, the Edwin Millers.

Aaron Kings from Pa. will spend a few weeks here with their dau. and family, the Jay Millers.

Ruby Miller went to Minn. to spend Christmas with her family, the Joe Millers. Elmer & Cora Nisly

GARNETT, KANSAS

Dec. 26--Cold all last week and below zero. It was 24° below zero on Fri. morn. and warmed up to 9° below in p.m. Christmas Day it was 42° above and only patches of snow left.

The Delbert Stutzman family of Shipshewana, Ind. arrived on Sat. for a visit with her sister, the Min. Harvey Yoders, most of this week.

Toby Dean Yoders and Leroy Keim, Reno Co., came Sat. to spend Christmas with Toby Dean's parents, David T. Yoders.

Church was at David T. Yoder's Dec. 24 and for both districts. Quite a few were missing due to the cold weather. Visitors were the Delbert Stutzmans and children, Ind., Toby Dean Yoders and Leroy Keim, Reno Co. N. dist. is to be at David's again in 2 weeks.

Alvin Beachys and sons Ralph and Elmer spent Christmas Day in Reno Co. with her bros. and sisters. Jim Welsh took them.

Ezra Yoder Jrs. and son Raymond, Reno Co., spent Christmas with the Toby J. Yoder family. Toby J. Yoders, Dea. Fred Yoder family, Lester T. Yoder family, Min. Harvey Yoder family, Edward T. Yoder family, also Ezra Yoder Jrs., Reno Co. and Delbert Stutzmans, Ind., all spent Christmas Day in the David Beachy home.

Christmas Day guests in the Toby D. Yoder home were David T. Yoders and children, Min. Larry Keims and David Ray, La Vern Keims, Leroy Keim, Toby Dean Yoders, Reno Co. and Mahlon and Susie Beachy, Ivan Keims and children.

Ervin Yoders and dau. Ruth left on Fri. by bus for Thomas, Okla. to spend a week with Mrs. Yoder's sister, the Amos D. Millers.

Mahlon and Susie Beachy called on Dea. and Mrs. Joel Beachy for awhile on Christmas p.m. They are up and about and mostly care for themselves.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Dec. 23--Willie Gingerichs left yesterday p.m. for Ohio to visit his folks over the holidays.

Lloyd Ropps, with their family from Chouteau, Okla., came up to Morris Yoders last evening. Then they, with Morris Yoders, Glendon Ropps and Elizabeth Hershberger, all left early this morning for Kalona, Iowa for a week.

Paul Nisleys went to Ind. to visit her folks and also to attend a wedding.

People are having water pipe troubles with this extreme cold weather. Some records were broken up to 70 yrs. ago in Kansas.

Last Tues. at Central Livestock Sale was appreciation day. They sold over 75,000 cattle and over 40,000 hogs in 1989.

Floyd Gehring, Moundridge, an auctioneer at the above sale, had a hip socket replacement Dec. 15 at Newton and went home the 23rd. He is getting along real good and already is doing some walking with a walker.

Dec. 24 - Church at Harley Headings' next time. Strangers attending today at Mervin Headings' were Ray Hochstetters, Charlotte, Mich., Miriam Miller, Okla., Enos Yoders and Enos Schrock, Nathan and Nelson Schrock, Haven, Samuel J. Fisher, Newburg, Pa., Elias Stoltzfus, Intercourse, Pa., Monroe J. Gingerich, Arcola, Ill. The Penn. boys came to visit Sylvan Fishers.

Daniel Beachys went to Guthrie, Ky. and Loren Beachys to Crofton, Ky., both to be with the ladies' families over Christmas. Eli Jay Miller was their driver. They left Fri. morning and expect to be home Thurs. evening.

Ray Hochstetters and 2 boys are here visiting her sister, the Harley Headings. They are traveling by bus. Expect to go home Monday evening.

Jacob Beachys went to Haven to church at her parents', the Thomas Yoders'.

Dec. 25 - Youngfolks that attended the singing at Mervins' Sun. eve. that just came Sun. p.m. were Andy Ray Gingerich of Hamilton, Mo., Lonnie Kauffman, Rose Ellen Stutzman, Daryl Schrock from Arthur, Ill. area and Linda and Lorene Schrock from Ship., Ind.

Henry Nislys are leaving this week for their winter stay in Florida.

John & Anna Headings

GARNETT, KANSAS

Jan. 2--It hasn't been so cold the last week, the coldest being 10° above zero on New Year's morning. Was cloudy a few days the last of the week and also a bit icy for a day.

S. dist. church was at Feltie Schrock's on Dec. 31st and is to be there again in 2 weeks. Bish. and Mrs. Jerry Yoder attended church and drove their horse and buggy, going alone. Those who attended from the North dist. were Min. and Mrs. Larry Keim, Min. Jerry Lee Yoder and some of the children, Mrs. Amos Miller, Mel Troyers and Clarence Yoders.

Merle Yoders of Paris, Tx. area arrived at the home of his parents, Ora W. Yoders on Sun. eve. and wanted to leave for home today.

Ira Yoders, Elmer Schmuckers, also some of Jerry Lee Yoders' children spent the day Fri. at Jamesport, Mo. with Ira's son LaVern Yoders and family.

The young folks spent one eve. last week at Ivan Keims' for supper and Christmas exchange.

Mrs. Will Heck Verna, 93, passed away Dec. 30th. She was of the Old Order Dunkard Faith. Her funeral was Jan. 1 at the Dunkard church house. She was born near Harris and lived in this area all her life.

Wed. morn.--Dea. Joel Beachys remain pretty much the same, are housed up in cold weather. Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 3--Normal winter weather is with us again, but without moisture.

Matt Schrocks from Ohio were here with her parents, the David L. Millers. Marvin Kauffmans from Iowa were here with his sister and family, the Joe Yoders.

Elmer and I traveled to Ga. for the class of 1954 reunion, which was held at Marvin Kauffmans' on Dec. 30. We had a good time of renewing acquaintances and recalling things that happened during our school years. We were all there except Betty Miller of Va. My mother, Mrs. Anna Yoder, traveled back with us and will be here a few weeks.

Yvonne and Violet Nisly and Larry Byler went to Hillcrest Home for the weekend.

John Yoder, Rodney, Wendell and Rita Nisly, Gene, Glenda, Carla and Sylvia Miller went to C.B.S. for 6 weeks. Margaret Yoder from Minn. was here with her friend Arlyn Nisly, and went to C.B.S. with the load.

Elmer and Cora Nisly

HAVEN, KANSAS

Jan. 1--We are having milder weather again after extreme cold before Christmas (as low as 20 below zero).

Church services were held at B. Jay Bontragers' yest. Visitors were Jacob Lee Yoders of Partridge dist. Next services to be at Floyd Schrocks'.

Laverne and Leroy Miller (Ora W.) who are living in In. Mary Miller and Verba Fry of Ind. are spending 2 weeks with the Ora Miller family. They attended church at Thomas Yoders' Dec. 24th.

Ora Millers' children and grandchildren, Enos and Eli Millers, their children and grandchildren living here were at Oras' on Dec. 25 for Christmas brunch.

The families of Mrs. Edna Miller were at Eli Schrocks' on Christmas Day.

Ervin and Elmer Eashs, Floyd Schrocks, Davy Yoders, Glen Knepps, Mrs. Levi Knepp, Sue Mullet, Enos C., Glen L., and Ivan Yoders, Anna Eash, B. Jay Bontragers, son Ivan and I were at Sam F. Yoders' for carry-in dinner today.

Amos P. Borntrager has gained and was released from hospital after 5 weeks, but still uses oxygen. Mrs. Borntrager is now having pneumonia.

Enos Keim's broken rib is not healing properly, so is to enter Halstead Hospital again tomorrow for more tests.

Ervin and Neomia Raber and son Joseph Neal, expected to be in In. this weekend to visit relatives.

Mrs. Alva Yoder of Ok. was here visiting her parents, Amos Borntragers, the past week.

Toby and Albert Schrocks of In. were here to visit their mother, Mrs. Tobe Schrock and son Phineases over the holidays.

We had heavy clouds Fri. and Sat. but no moisture. We had a dry winter last year, up to April or May when the rains came. The 1st cutting hay and wheat were poor crops, but after that hay produced well and ensilage was plentiful, but milo crop was hurt by an early freeze. We had plenty rains until the early part of Sept. but very little moisture since.

The Bank of Yoder has purchased the David Beachy home at Yoder recently. The old block building was wrecked last week (across from the bank) all the buildings and trees are to be removed to make a parking area. The house was the first building in Yoder, built by A.M. Switzer, at least 100 yrs. ago.

Freddie Yoders and Toby Petersheims plan to leave for Florida by Greyhound tomorrow.

Dau. Ada Mae has been having the flu which lasts around 5 days.

Ivan and Rose Yoder attended the funeral of her grandfather Simon Kinsinger in In. recently.

Eli and Katie Miller

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 7--Average winter weather the last week, still dry.

The young folks were at Perry Beachys' Thur. eve. for supper, then their Christmas gift exchange.

Roy & Alice Stutzman of Yoder had their 50th wedding anniversary at the Yoder Mennonite Fellowship hall last Sat., Dec. 30.

Eli M. & Opal Bontrager had their 50th wedding anniversary at the Hesston Mennonite Church Sun. p.m., Dec. 31. Over 200 friends had registered.

Paul Miller had a hip replacement Jan. 4 at Newton Hospital. He was up on his feet and walked some with walker Sat. p.m. and is getting along as good as can be expected.

Church at Harley Headingses' again next time. Some of those not in church today were Morris Yoders, due to sickness. David Beachys and Glen Knepps went to Garnett over the weekend and Glendon Ropps and Enos Schrock were to Chouteau, Okla. over the weekend. Esther Keim also went along to Garnett.

Jan. 9--It's 49 years today that we have been writing our name.

Mr. & Mrs. John Headings

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 9--I failed to include Willis Nisly with the ones going to C.B.S. last week. Willis is a teacher and wife Becky help in the kitchen the first 3 weeks.

Paul L. Miller had hip surgery last Thurs. at Newton Medical Center. He walked a bit on Sat. and the doctor is now well pleased with his progress. Gary Miller and Dwight Nisly are filling in for Paul at Pilgrim High School.

Eli, Alvin, David Leon and Marijane Yoder, Daniel, Harvey, Edna and Loretta Nisly, Perry and Judy Miller and Ken Yutzky went to Atmore, Ala. for a prison revival. They will be gone over 2 weekends.

Perry Masts from Okla. brought daughter Lareeta here to begin school on Mon. at Pilgrim. She was home during the holidays.

Freida Yoder went to Ind. to attend college. Her mother, Mrs. Alvin Yoder, went with her and plans to visit her relatives before returning home by train.

Dan Korver and Marilyn Bontrager announced their engagement on Sun. A summer wedding is being planned.

Larry Byler and Violet Nisly are also announcing their engagement, with a wedding planned in May.

People from other states have been inquiring how they can assist Mary Yoder (widow of deceased Daniel Yoder) financially. The Center A.M.

Church has appointed a committee and is setting up a fund through its Alms Fund to assist Mary and the boys. If you as a church or friend want to contribute and have it tax deductible, make the

check payable to Center A.M. Church Alms Fund and send it to our deacon Mahlon Wagler, Rural Route, Partridge, Kan. 67566. Elmer & Cora Nisly

HAVEN, KANSAS

Jan. 9--We are having mild weather at present, up to 50's in p.m. but wishing for moisture.

South church was held at Larry Eashs' last Sunday with a smaller attendance. There is a lot of flu around and some were gone.

Larry Eashs had a scare early Sunday morn. when they had a chimney fire and had the fire truck there to stop it.

Joe Petersheims, Joe Petersheim Jrs., David Petersheims and Merle Bontragers were to Clarita, Okla. to be with Herman Stutzmans on New Year's weekend.

Enos Schrock, Ray Borntragers and Glendon Ropps were to Chouteau, Ok. last weekend.

Amos and Sara Borntrager, who are not well, were some better again. Amos still uses oxygen most of the time, and Sara had pneumonia.

Enos Keim is not well at present. Enos and Amos Borntragers are both on Rt. 2, Haven, Ks. 67543.

Verna Ferrell fell in her home and broke her hip. She has been living alone in her home since her husband died in June. She received a broken rib about 2 mo. ago. She is in a Wichita hospital now. Her add. is Verna Ferrell, c/o St. Francis Hospital, 929 N. St. Francis, Wichita, Ks. 67214. A word of cheer from her former pupils would be welcome.

Tobie Petersheims and Freddie Yoders left for Fl. last Tues.

Karlen Keim spent the holidays in Ind. and returned Tues. eve.

Eli and Katie Miller

HAVEN, KANSAS

Jan. 8--I am writing for my folks Amos and Sara Borntrager. My bro. Jonas and wife put a shower in *The Budget* which brought a lot of cards and letters which my folks really enjoyed.

On Nov. 10th Dad went with my bro. Harry along to the pasture to bring the cattle home for the winter. They made a pen with panels and got the calves in there to load on trailer. One heifer took a jump on a panel, broke the panel and hit Dad and he fell down on his back onto a panel laying on the ground. The results were 8 broken ribs on right side, 4 in front and 4 in back, pelvis cracked in 2 places and a broken collarbone. All is healed except the collarbone isn't together right. He was in the hosp. 12 days. He came home Nov. 22nd (Wed.) and was home 5 days. By Nov. 27th (Mon.) he wasn't feeling too good so we took him to the doctor. The doctor put him in the hosp. thinking he might have a blood clot on the lungs. He was in I.C.U. for 2 days, then in a regular hosp. room for 3 weeks and 2 days.

Dad didn't have a blood clot but the oxygen in his blood was low. He developed pneumonia in that time and had infection in his blood. They also watched his blood sugar thinking he might have diatetes. They gave him insulin twice while in the hosp.

The pneumonia was hard to get cleared up. Mom stayed at the hosp. with him most of the time. She had a cot in Dad's room to sleep on.

On Dec. 22nd they came home. Dad still had some pneumonia. He is on a no salt, low sugar diet which works very good to control his sugar level.

Mom got sick after Christmas starting with a hard cough and also pneumonia. Doctor gave her pills and we hope we can get her well. Dad can walk with a walker and has no pain except for backache in his lower back. He needed oxygen but in the last few days he says he doesn't need it all the time. He was back to the doctor on Jan. 2nd and he seemed pleased by the progress he made.

A dau. Anna

GARNETT, KANSAS

Jan. 9--We are having mild weather the last while, as warm as 50° during the day. Had some light rain last Wed. p.m. and a thundershower after dark.

Herbert Yoders of Ind. and their dau. Mrs. Dan Byler and children of Ark. arrived on Wed. eve. for a visit with Herbert's parents, Clarence J. Yoders, also a bro., the Harley C. Yoders, leaving on Fri. morning.

Spending Sat. and Sun. with their relatives here were Mrs. Esther Keim, David Beachys and Glen Knepps, with David Miller (driver), all of Reno County. Davids and Glens visited parents, Min. Larry Keims and Esther Keim visited her children living here. On Sat. the Reno Co. folks, Larry Keims and Floyd Keims all were to the Ivan Keim home for dinner. Esther Keim's dau., the Willie Schrock of El Dorado Springs, Mo. also joined the Keims at Ivans'.

The following youngfolks of Reno Co. also spent the weekend, who were Leroy Keim, Catherine Keim, Ernest Yoder, Carolyn Yoder and Vernon Miller.

Ervin Millers, Reno Co., visited Mrs. Amos Miller and family from Sat. p.m. to Mon. morning. Ervins also called on Dea. Joel Beachys and Bish. Jerry Yoders.

A coyote chase was held in this neighborhood on Sat. Some of the Reno Co. menfolk also attended. Two coyotes were shot.

Luan Beachy and Clayton Yoder went to Thomas, Okla. on Fri. before New Year's day, then returned home on New Year's day accompanied by Ervin Yoders and Ruth, who had spent Christmas in Okla. with her sister, the Amos D. Miller family.

Andy and Susan Miller are parents of a baby dau. born Jan. 8. Grandparents are Toby D. Yoders of here and Mrs. Willie Fry Wilma of Indiana.

N. dist. church was at David T. Yoders', Jan. 7, and to be at Benedict E. Yoders' in 2 weeks. Visitors in church were Ervin Millers, Mrs. David Beachy and dau., Glen Knepps and son, Mrs. Esther Keim, Catherine Keim, Vernon Miller and Leroy Keim. Attending from the S. dist. were Dea. Fred Yoders, Min. Harvey Yoder, Toby J. Yoders, Ira Yoders, Elmer Schmuckers, and Min. Nelson Yoders.

The relief sewing was held at Ervin Yoders' on Thurs. It is being held there during this winter.

Bish. Jerry Yoders and Dea. Joel Beachys remain about as usual.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 16--Our mild winter weather continues without any moisture. This does make for cleaner barnlots and cows.

Clifford Nisslys left by plane for Ind. when they received the shocking news of her mother's death, resulted from a car accident.

Perry and Sylvia Stutzman were on an extended trip to Ind. and Fla. They encountered icy roads in Ohio and had a head-on accident with a semi. The Jaws of Life were used to rescue them and both were in I.C.U. for observation, as they had chest pains. They think the chest pain comes from wearing the seat belts. Perry has a crushed nose and had surgery on Sunday.

John and Janice Yoder are the happy parents of a dau. named Jean Ann, born Jan. 11. Jackie, another dau., welcomes her home. Grandparents are John Yoder Sr. from Garnett, Ks. and Alvin Beachys, local.

We had joint singspiration at Center on Wed.. evening, using the hymnals we had before the churches were divided.

Min. Allen Yoders, Victor Slabaughs and Jerome Masts from Fairview, Mo. surprised us Sunday afternoon by dropping in. They had been to Roxbury for services on Sunday morning and spent the night here and returned home on Monday. Victors were at Ed Yoders', Jeromes at Phil Yutzys' and Allens with us.

Delbert Sweiharts from Quinter, Ks. were here with Mrs. Mary Yoder and boys and attended services at Center on Sunday.

Stan, Arlyn, Leland, Debra, Jeanene Nisly, Wilbur Yoder and Ann Schrag went to C.B.S. for a weekend visit.

Elmer and Cora Nisly

GARNETT, KANSAS

Jan. 16--We've had mild weather the last week, as warm as 60° the last few days.

Andy Millers named their baby girl (born Jan. 9) Lorinda Lorene. The baby has 5 sisters and 5 brothers.

S. dist. church was at Feltie Schrock's Jan. 14 and to be at Dea. Fred Yoders' next. Attending church at Feltie's from the N. dist. was Min. Larry Keims, Min. Jerry Lee Yoder and sons, Clarence Yoders and Harley C. Yoders.

Vernon Yoder, Raymond Yoder and LaVern Keim fished at the Melverne lake Fri. night and part of Sat. They brought home a nice bunch of fish (crappies). On Sun. noon the following enjoyed fish fry in the Ervin Yoder home: Vernon Yoders, Raymond Yoders, LaVern Keims and Clyde Moores from Garnett.

David T. Yoders and some of their youngest children visited Mrs. Yoder's bro. Melvin Miller at The Home at Overbrook. They took him out to eat dinner at noon.

Ray Schmucker had surgery (as an outpatient) in Lawrence hospital the first of last week to remove a cyst from his back.
Susie Beachy

HAVEN, KANSAS

Jan. 15--We are enjoying mild weather so far in Jan.

North dist. church was held at Floyd Schrock's home yest. Visitors were Mervin Headings and family, Partridge and Charles and Dolly Reimche of Martin, N.D. Next services to be at Glen L. Yoders' Jan. 28th.

The Reimches are staying in Wichita with their dau. and husband, David Gerbers, and helping care for a new granddau. named Katie Marie. They were taught German in their youth and desired to hear German services again. After having supper at our home, they returned to Wichita last eve. They plan to be at the Texas-Mexico border in 2 weeks and help in a mission there.

Mrs. Amos P. Borntrager was admitted to the Hutchinson Hospital last Sat. to get relief from her pneumonia.

Visitors at Enos Keims' yest. p.m. were Enos Millers, Ada Petersheim, Emma Keim, Eli Millers and the Charles Reimches.

Mrs. Sam Schrock has not been able to attend church since Aug. Her address is: Rt. 2, Haven, Ks. 67543.

Eli & Katie Miller

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 23--We are thankful for the moisture we got in the form of sleet and snow Sunday morning. We were reminded of the magnificent job God can do in decorating our trees with the sun shining on it. Most of the snow and ice melted by Monday.

David L. Miller, Ed Yoder and Arlyn Nisly went to Arthur, Ill. for Mrs. Menno Kunh's funeral. David continued on to C.B.S. from there, as he will teach the next 3 weeks.

Marvin Miller and Betty Yoder left Sat. for El Salvador. Betty is returning to her teaching job, while Marvin is replacing Ronald Miller.

Amos, Elmer, Jonathan, Yvonne and Violet Nisly, Larry Byler, Ken Yutzy, Jerry and Gina Miller, Judy King, Marijane and Janice Yoder went to Topeka Prison for services and fellowship.

There was an M.D.S. meeting at Plainview on Sunday afternoon with Vernon Miller showing slides of the results of Hurricane Hugo in N.C.

Enos Miller underwent surgery on Monday and is getting along very well. Vera Mae Nisly had a mastectomy on Monday and was able to come home on Tuesday.

Elmer & Cora Nisly

GARNETT, KANSAS

Jan. 23--It rained an inch from Fri. (Jan. 19) morning till in p.m. and also got icy. Trees were loaded with ice and broke limbs at places. Was around 30° all day, but wasn't much icy underfoot. By Sat. morning the ice was gone. Has been mostly sunny and mild since.

Spending the weekend in the area were Leroy Keim and Vernon Miller from Reno Co.

North dist. church was at the Benedict E. Yoder home Jan. 21 and to be at the same place in 2 weeks. Sermons by Nelson Yoder, opening, schrist by Fred Yoder and main sermon by Jerry Lee Yoder. Leroy Keim, Reno Co., was a visitor in church. Attending from the South dist. were Min. Harvey Yoder family, Min. Nelson Yoders, Dea. Fred Yoder, Ira Yoders, John A. Yoder Jr., Lester T. Yoders, Edward T. Yoders and young folks, Melverne and Marlene Bontrager, Freddy Yoder Jr., Sarah, LaVern, Duane and LaVern, all Yoders.

Fishermen have been catching crappies, etc. in the lakes around Garnett during this mild weather (no icy fishing done). I fished in a creek Jan. 17 and caught a bass weighing a bit over 2 lbs. I fished with minnows.

The city of Garnett stocked Crystal Lake south of town with rainbow trout this winter. A trout license is \$5 to fish there.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 21--Thurs. night and Friday we had rain and snow, ice on trees, fences, etc. It amounted to about ¾ inch of moisture. This was the first measurable moisture since early October.

Church at Edw. Masts' next time. Those missing in church today at Harley Headings' were Mrs. Dave Jones, Loren Beachy and son, Lena Helmuth and the Sylvan Fisher family (some due to sickness), also Mrs. Mose Yoder.

John Earl Yoders say it's a girl born Jan. 11, named Jean Anne.

We expect to leave in the morn. on the train for a few weeks' stay in Phoenix, Az.

Mrs. Raymond Headings has a siege of shingles on her neck.

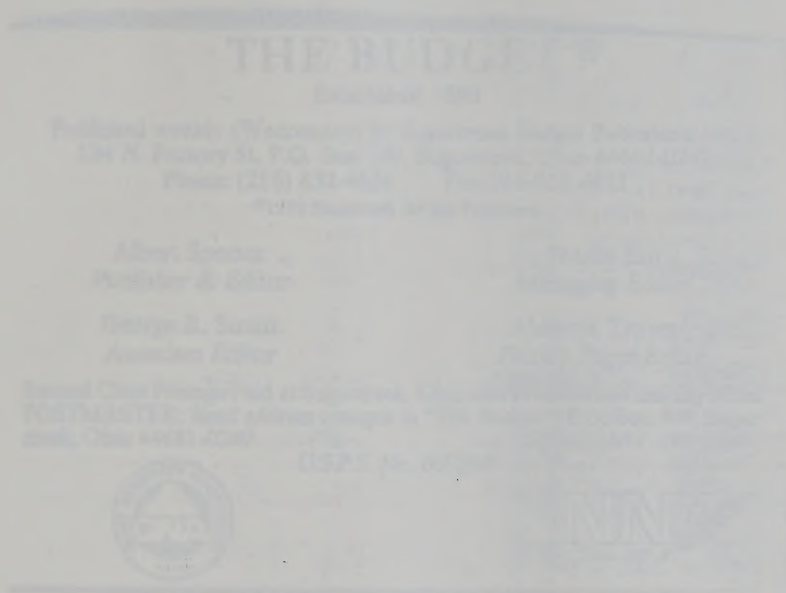
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HAVEN, KANSAS

Jan. 29--We had a mild Jan. this year, but very little moisture.

Yest. North dist. church was held at Glen L. Yoders' with a smaller attendance.

We received 2 death messages Sat. Mrs. David (Lizzie) Hostetler of Nappanee, In. who was the oldest dau. of the late D. K. Bontragers of here. Her bros. Elis, Enoses, Jonases and sisters Clara, Mary and Susie Bontrager left for In. yest. noon. Sam Yoder, Glenn D. and LaVern Yoders, Lynn Bontragers and David Petersheims left last evening for the funeral, Tues. a.m. at Nappanee.

The other death was Mrs. Andy Miller (41) at Garnett. A charter bus plans to leave early tomorrow morning for her funeral, which is also Tues. a.m.

Bob Kurfus, president of the Yoder Bank the past 19 years, resigned last week.

An 18-yr.-old local Mennonite girl of this area was enroute home from her job Thurs. eve. when a man in his car followed her in her car and raped her at gunpoint ¼ mile from her home and close to an Amish home. He has not been found yet.

We have a new grandson, Kevin, born to Wayne and Ruth Ann Miller of Goshen, In. on Jan. 16.

Mrs. Amos Borntrager is much improved since her hospital stay with pneumonia. She was released last Thurs. or Friday.

South dist. church is to be at Eli Yoders' Feb. 4 and North dist. at Erwin Petersheims', Feb. 11.

John Yoder Jrs. of Garnett visited their children here Sat., but left Sun. morning due to the death at Garnett, instead of staying longer as planned.

Mrs. Enos Schrock and dau. Fannie Miller accompanied Roy Stutzmans to Okla. last Thurs. to attend the funeral of (Katie) Mrs. Amos Bontrager.

Eli and Katie Miller

GARNETT, KANSAS

Jan. 30—We received a good cover of snow last Wed. eve. and night and was mostly gone by the next eve. Was 14 degrees above zero one morn., but warms up during the day.

This community was saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Susan, 41, wife of Andy Miller, which occurred Sat., Jan. 27 around 9 o'clock from an apparent blood clot.

Susan's funeral was held this a.m. at the Benedict E. Yoder residence with probably close to 500 people attending. In the basement of the Yoder home services were conducted by Jerry Lee Yoder, Alva Riffey (Old Order Dunkard) and Harley Lambright of Ind. Pallbearers were Mahlon Beachy, Raymond Yoder, Floyd Keim, LaVern Keim, Andy B. Yoder and Larry Bontragers. Services were also conducted in the doddy house there at Benedict's by John Mast, Reno Co., David Hirt (Old Order Dunkard) and Ben Weaver, Reno Co. Many relatives and friends attended the funeral, couldn't name them all.

Survivors include her husband Andy, children Sammy, Marcus, Becky, Debbie, Kenneth, Rosie, Daniel, Eugene, Loretz, Veralene and baby Lorinda who was 2 weeks and 4 days old at time of her mother's death. The children are all at home yet. Andy and Susan were married Nov. 1968.

Andy's mother, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Fry of Ind., had gone to Fla. several weeks ago, but came for the funeral and will stay in Mrs. Fry's home here (which is by Andy) for the time being.

All of Susan's sisters and bro. were

here which included the ones living here and a sister Earl Wingards and children of Thomas, Ok. Also all of Andy's sisters and bros. living here and a sister, the Lloyd Beachys of Carlton, Ore. and a sis.-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Miller and family of Reno Co. Susan was a dau. of Toby D. and Barbara (Beachy) Yoder who live in this area.

Mrs. Feltie Schrock had accompanied a load from Kalona, Iowa to Kalona last week to help care for her parents, John E. and Edna Yoder near Kalona at Henry Bontragers'. The Iowa folks had attended the funeral of Mrs. Amos Bontrager Kate at Thomas, Okla., Mrs. Feltie Schrock came with a load from Kalona for the funeral today of Mrs. Miller, but is going back to Kalona again to be with her parents for awhile longer.

Bish. and Mrs. Jerry Yoder were able to be at the Miller funeral today.

Mrs. Ira Thomas Susie of Ind. accompanied a load from Ind., who were Wilmer Miller and wife, Karen Kay Yoder and Mrs. Glen Miller, Mrs. Sam Yoder who came for the funeral also. Susie spent her time with her parents, Dea. Joel Beachys. Mrs. Beachy was taken to the Andy Miller home yest. for a little while.

S. dist. church was at Dea. Fred Yoders' Jan. 28. That evening the singing was held in the Andy Miller home.

Wilma Fern Yoder spent last week in Reno Co. LaVern Keims, Glen Yoder and John A. Yoder Jr. and wife also visited in Reno Co. a short while the last of the week. Johns got acquainted with a new granddaughter at the John Earl Yoder home.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Jan. 29--We are enjoying mild pleasant days with cold nights.

The men of the church are making living quarters in Mary Yoder's basement. This will provide for boarders. They have the sheetrock up. Mary and the boys are spending a few weeks with her parents in Calif. at the present.

Stanley Nisly, Ronald Miller, Marijane Yoder and Brenda Nisly went to Ohio for the weekend. Stanley had a

W.Y.F. committee meeting, Ronald went to see his friend Brenda Stutzman, Marijane went for Laura Lapp's wedding and Brenda went to see a friend, Rachel Miller. They returned home this morning.

Henry Millers, Mrs. Lydia Stoltzfus and Eldon Bontrager went to Okla. for the funeral of Katie Bontrager on Thurs.

Mrs. Fannie Miller and her family, Ed Yoders and John Mast went to Garnett for the funeral of Mrs. Andy Miller. Also a bus load and 2 van loads from the Yoder-Hutchinson area went for the same funeral, which is today.

Elmer & Cora Nisly

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GARNETT, KANSAS

Feb. 6--It was rainy and got a bit icy on Thurs. and Fri. and then Sat. it finally snowed most of the day, probably 4 or 5 in. Was all gone by Mon. eve. The coldest this last week was 8° above zero on Sun. morn. The ground is well soaked up and ponds and creeks filled up with water.

Alvin Beachy and wife Dora left this morn. by bus for Fla. for a few weeks.

Some new babies lately are a dau. Regina Sue born to Jonas Borntragers' Jan. 30 at an Iola hosp. The baby has 3 sisters. Ora W. Yoders of here and Amos P. Borntragers, Reno Co., are the grandparents.

On Feb. 1 Sharon was born to Raymond Yoders'. The baby has 1 sister and grands are Ervin J. Yoders and Lester H. Yoders. This baby was the first baby to be born at the Garnett hosp. in 1990.

The Mel Troyers and Mrs. Amos Miller were informed of a dau. born to LaVern and Edna Marie Troyer at Spencer, Wis. on Feb. 5. Mrs. Troyer and Mrs. Miller, the grandmothers, were planning to leave for Spencer this evening by bus. This is LaVern's first child and they have been married, I think, 11 yrs.

In 1989 there were 5 babies born in our 2 church dists., 3 girls and 2 boys. We had 1 wedding and 1 funeral and 1 family moved away in our area.

Wesley Yoders, Noah Stutzmans, Stanley, Steven and Lester Paul Yoder and Mark Kemp had all come from Fla. for Mrs. Andy Miller's funeral on Jan. 30 and all stayed till the last of the week and returned to Fla. again.

Noah Stutzmans were supper guests of Ora W. Yoders one eve., also at Phineas Borntragers' and were overnight guests of Larry Bontragers, Toby D. Yoders and Alva Riffeys. They also visited Dea. Joel Beachys and Bish. Jerry Yoders and others.

N. dist. church was at Benedict E. Yoders' Feb. 4 with Eldon Kemps furnishing lunch. Church to be at Benedicts' again. Sermons by Jerry Lee Yoder, schrift by Harvey Yoder and main sermon by Larry Keim. Harvey Yoders, Nelson Yoders, Fred Yoders, Toby J. Yoders and Lester T. Yoders attended from the S. dist. Clarence Yoders were not in church on Sun., as they were having flu.

Susie Beachy

GARNETT, KANSAS

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Feb. 6--We again had some sleet and then a beautiful snow of 3-4 in. on Sat. by Mon. most of it was melted.

Delores Wagler and her foster girl from N.Y. are here with her mother, Mrs. Alma Wagler. She attended services at Center on Wed. eve.

Lowell and Judy Miller went to Costa Rica for her sister Lois' wedding and to spend some time with her parents, Sanford Yoders and family.

Vernon Wickeys went to Ind. for his aunt's funeral.

Alfred, Linda and Jonas Yoder from Phoenix, Ariz. were here cleaning Alfreds' house, which is for sale.

Elmer & Cora Nisly

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Valley of the Sun, Phoenix

Feb. 5--We came here Jan. 23rd. Weather nice and sunny. 65° to 74°. Amish and Mennonite people are here over this weekend from Iowa, Pa., Ind., Illinois, Ky., Ks., Canada, Okla., Michigan, Ohio and Montana.

We had Amish church at neighbor Pete Millers' apartment. About 80 attended. Preaching by Mose Yoder of Okla. and Sam Chupp of Mich., Crist Miller of Ind. read scripture.

Neighbor Pete Miller of Ohio had a hip replacement in Mexico 3 yr. ago. Then last yr. he fell and damaged the hip. So first of Dec. they went to Mexico to have it repaired. The doctor there x-rayed it and said he does not have the equipment to fix it, but referred him to a specialist and he has an appointment Feb. 16 to repair it. They have been here in Phoenix since Dec. 1.

Emanuel Chupps will leave for their home in Ind. tomorrow going by plane. He has cancer and is not well. Their 2 sons, Sam of Mich. and Uria of Ind. came Sat. eve. by train to help them home. Sam will stay till Wed. to finish things here, going home by train.

The Ephraim Riehl family of Leola, Pa., who had been doctoring in Mexico for her health, came to Phoenix Sat. eve. Expecting to stay 7 weeks to see if her medication helps before going on home.

Alfred Yoders and Jonas Yoder were to Hutchinson, Ks. a few days last week on business.

Today a van load with Ervin Eash as driver was to a dairy where they have 4 milking barns putting 24 cows in at a time. They milk 4,400 cows and have 6,000 heifers and young stock.

Among those in the valley over the weekend were Levi Stoltzfus and Ephraim Riehl of Pa. David Yutzys (scribe).

Perry Yoders, Bloomfield, Iowa, Marlin Millers, Ky., Joann Miller, Susie Jane Helmuth, David Kauffmans, Amzy Kauffmans, Ill., Mose Yoders, Okla., Dave Kauffmans, Mont., Andy Hershbergers, Dan Millers, Crist Millers, Levi Yoders of Ind. and John Headings, Kans. From Ohio were Melvin Schrock and John Miller, Danville area, Harvey Schrock and 4 children, West Union area. There were at least 4 scribes in church Sunday so hope they put in some of the rest of the names.

Edwin Eash will take a van load to the Grand Canyon tomorrow.

When the Harvey Schrock family took the Apache Trail drive they stopped at a place of interest on a hill. The boys spotted a new-like shiny car upside down between rocks in a crevice about 100 ft. down. It could only be seen from a 2-ft. spot. Coming home Harvey called 911 and reported it. There had been 2 men in the car, bodies decomposed, only bones, reported missing in May 1989.

John & Anna Headings

GARNETT, KANSAS

Feb. 13--This past week has been mild, but it turned colder this p.m. and 32° this evening. A bit of green can be seen in the grass and birds singing.

Bish. Jerry Yoders spent most of last week with their dau., the Aden Miller family in the Golden City, Mo. area. Jerry got some new dentures in Mo.

The Aden Millers, Ruth and Stephen brought Jerrys home on Fri. and spent the evening in the Yoder home, as did Mervin Yoders and Harry Shenks, Reno Co., Ora Yoders, Ira Yoders, Phineas and Jonas Borntrager families, Elmer Schmuckers and Min. Jerry Lee Yoders. They celebrated Bish. Jerry's 96th birthday which is Feb. 13. The Ervin Yoder family couldn't be there on account of colds.

Toby D. Yoders, Min. Larry Keims, Ivan Keims, Lavern Keims and David T. Yoders took a carry-in dinner along and spent the day Sun. with Andy Miller and children and Willie Frys.

S. dist. church was at Dea. Fred Yoders' last Sun., Feb. 11 and to be there again. Is to be baptismal gma for both dists. Jerry Yoders were able to attend church.

Teresa, dau. of Ira Yoders, arrived home the last of the week from Fla. where she had been for a week. She had accompanied Noah Stutzman to Fla. the week before.

Susie Beachy

HAVEN, KANSAS

Feb. 13--The last week has been warm and clear. Farmers have been doing some plowing, preparing to sow oats.

North dist. church services were held at Erwin Petersheims' last Sunday. Visitors were Mrs. David Anderson and Mrs. Lonnie Miller of Indiana. Next services to be at Levi Knepps'.

Ervin Rabers enjoyed having her 3 sisters here from Ind. over the weekend, namely Mrs. Jr. Yoder (LaGrange), Mrs. David Anderson, Nappanee, and Mrs. Lonnie Miller, Shipshewana.

My sister Sarah Marie (Mrs. Marvin Miller) and son Lonnie, Napp., spent her time with us. Our dau-in-law, Mrs. Lonnie Miller and Keith spent Sat. & Sun. p.m. with us. Dan Yoder visited his dau., the Harley Headings family. Ammon Yoder was their driver. They arrived Thur. eve. and left Sun. eve. Lonnie, son of Marvin Millers, was sick on Sun., so Sarah and I did not attend church.

Amos P. Borntrager was in the hospital again, having too much fluid on his body.

Sam F. Yoders, Mrs. Marvin Miller and Lonnie were Sun. eve. supper guests in our home. Levi Knepps, Ervin Eashs and Sue Mullet called after supper.

Mrs. Enos C. Yoder is under doctor's care. She has several bumps.

Friends ask about the condition of Mrs. Atlee Keim since she is taking cancer treatment. I understood the dr. is well pleased. About the time this is in print she should be finished with treatments, which were once a week for 1 yr. She is

able to attend church regular. Her mother, Mrs. Sam Schrock, has not been able to attend since Aug.

Harry Wayne Bontragers, Eli A. Borntragers, Sam F. Yoders and Glenn L. Yoders spent last Thur. at Garnett visiting relatives and friends.

The health nurse is at Yoder today to give measles shots to prevent a measles outbreak in this area. None in this area that I know.

To David B., there are usually more geese on one side of the V than on the other side when flying.

Eli and Katie Miller

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Feb. 13--We are having spring-like days with the temperature up to 70° on Sun.

On Jan. 30th Joe Schmucker, R.N., was in Wesley Medical Hosp. in Wichita to have his kidney stones crushed. A week later he was back to work at St. Francis Hosp. in Wichita. His wife Carol, left on Tues. by plane for Fla. to visit her parents, Abner Overholt. Abner had been a heart patient at the hosp. there.

Mon. Mrs. Harry Miller went to the doctor because of discomfort in her chest. Doctor sent her to the hosp. because of high blood pressure and when that was cared for she was sent to Wichita Hosp. for a test by a cardiologist. Hutchinson does not have a cardiologist. Test showed no heart problems and she is on medication for her high blood pressure. She came home on Fri.

Ollie Troyers and Mrs. Lizzie Wagler went to Tenn. to visit Ollies' dau. Karen who teaches there. Plans are to return home today.

Henry Schrock from Minn., Jacob and Quinten Nisly from Ind. and Rhoda and Judith Coblenz from Mo. came for their nephew and cousin Clayton Nisly's wedding on Sat. Bro. Henry brought the message at Cedar Crest on Sun. morning.

John Bylers from Mo. came to help celebrate John and Emma Mast's 55th wedding anniversary and her mother's, Mrs. Roman Mast's, birthday. The Coblenz sisters came with them and they attended services at Center and returned home early Mon. morning in time for school.

Perry Millers went to Brookfield, Mo. to visit her mother who is there from Ia. Melvin Yoders went with them to visit their dau., the Clayton Weaver family.

Nona Yoder from Ind. is here with her dau. and family, the Phil Waglers.

Ernie Stoltzfus, Pa. and his friend Sharon Yoder from Md. are here with his sis., Lavon Bontragers.

Menno and Edna Nisly, Daniel Nisly, Debra and Brend Nisly went to C.B.S. for the final 3 weeks. Menno and Daniel are teachers. Edna helps in the kitchen and the girls are students.

David L. Miller (teacher), Rodney, Wendell and Rita Nisly, Gene and Sylvia Miller, John Yoder and Orlando Schmucker returned from C.B.S. on Sat. It seemed Nevada, Mo. was the attraction, as both loads coming and going to and from C.B.S. stopped at Hardees for breakfast at the same time and exchanged a few words before continuing on. Orlando Schmucker will spend most of this week here with Larry Byler before going home to Ind.

Bro. Gary Miller left yest. for a week of meetings at Maple Lawn in Nappanee, Ind. Elmer & Cora Nisly

Mennonite Relief Sale In Kansas

Housing for the needy in Wichita and central Kansas will be on the agenda of the Mennonite Relief Sale at the Hutchinson state fairgrounds in April.

For over 20 years, hunger overseas has been the main target of the annual festival and benefit auction of the state's Mennonite, Amish, and Brethren in Christ churches.

The annual event will begin April 6 with a traditional Mennonite meal, followed by auctions of beef and dairy cattle, crafts, quilts and tools. The many-sided event will continue on Sat. with a major sale of several hundred quilts as well as a wide range of furniture, machinery and antiques.

Kicking off the relief sale will be two 60-mile cattle walks that will end at the fairgrounds that evening. Volunteers will lead several dairy cows and beef animals starting from Goessel and Hillsboro on April 4. On their 3-day trek, the animals and their handlers will pass through Hesston, Moundridge, Inman, Buhler and Medora.

Relief sale leaders are also recruiting workers to join low-income families in building new homes. Other volunteers will help with home repair projects for elderly and low-income families in Wichita as well as in Harvey, Butler and Sedgwick counties. This Kingdom Builder program will be supervised by Mennonite Housing of Wichita. "Everyone can help, regardless of building skill," says Mennonite Housing director Tom Bishop, who has used junior high students in similar programs aimed to "help provide decent housing for Kansans."

The relief sale is really a folk festival that gives people the chance to share the fruits of their labor and to "say thank you to God for blessings received," says LaVern Stucky of Peabody, president of the lay group that involves up to a thousand people in its planning, promotion and operation.

The Kansas Sale is one of 33 festival events held every year in the U.S. and Canada, which together raise \$4 million for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), an agency that supports a 1000 volunteer workers in poverty relief and food development programs in 50 countries overseas and in Canada and the U.S. All items and services for the relief sale are donated. Admission and parking are free. Everyone is welcome to the festival and sale.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Feb. 20--The weather has somewhat formed a pattern with sleet, snow and low temperature for a few days, then a warming trend for more days. We are grateful for all the moisture.

Ministers Ivan Miller, Jonas Bontrager, Ken Millers and Paul Nislys went to Kalona, Ia. for the Conservative Ministers' meetings. They returned home on Sat.

Ervin Millers were to Garnett, Ks., Jamesport, Mo. and on to Ind. for a sale.

Dr. Leon and Holly Miller were here with his parents, Harry and Orpha Miller. Orpha is on the go again.

Elaine and Jana Yoder from Ind. were here with their grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Yoder.

Allen Miller and David and Allen Ramer from Mo. brought Jerry Miller's car here, Allen and bro. Jerry left it there to get it fixed and came here with Allen's truck. The boys returned home with the truck on Sun. afternoon.

Mrs. Clifford Nisly is having hernia surgery today. Mrs. Enos Yoder has breast cancer and is having extensive tests taken today.

John Landis from Yoder attended services at Center on Sun. morning.

Elmer & Cora Nisly

GARNETT, KANSAS

Feb. 25--We had rain, then and on Wed. and Thurs. a good cover of the ground. It was really good to have weather like this and not freezing and blowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Anna Miller arrived here today from their 3-week trip to Phoenix, Ariz. where they visited their children in that city.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Feb. 18--We did have some moisture of rain, sleet and snow first of last week. Some slick roads Thurs. and Fri. Is all gone again.

Church at Alvin Beachys' next time (baptism services). Strangers attending today at Edw. Masts' were Miriam and Polly Miller from Chouteau, Okla. and Rita and Beth Nisly.

We came home via train early Fri. morning from our 3-week stay in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mary, Denise and Marie Mast will be going to Phoenix in the morning by plane for several weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Morris Yoder went to Okla. with the Okla. girls to visit her folks for a week, the Lloyd Ropps.

Willard and Gertie Yoder have moved to Paris, Texas to make that their home. Glenn Eugene Millers will move into the house vacated by Willards.

The M.C.C. relief sale in Hutchinson will be April 6-7.

Mrs. Raymond Headings is getting over a case of shingles.

John & Anna Headings

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GARNETT, KANSAS

Feb. 20--We had rain, sleet and ice last Wed. and Thurs. a good cover on the ground. It was mostly gone by Sun. evening. Was 8° above zero Sat. morning and warmer since.

Mrs. Mel Troyer and Mrs. Amos Miller arrived home today from their 2-week trip to Spencer, Wisc. where they visited their children LaVern Troyers and got acquainted with the new granddau. at the Troyer home.

The Phineas and Jonas Borntrager families spent the day Sun. in Reno Co. to visit their father, the Amos Borntragers, as he isn't well. Also some young folks from here were there over Sun.

Spending over Sun. here from Reno Co. were Leroy Keim and Vernon Miller.

Willie Fry was taken to the Garnett hosp. last Tues. evneing. He had a start of pneumonia. Mrs. Fry stayed with him at the hosp. Willie was released on Sun. Willies' 2 sons, Olen and Andy Fry came from Ind. on Sun. and that evening they took Mr. & Mrs. Fry to their home in Ind.

Bish. Jerry Yoders were in North dist. church Feb. 18 at Benedict E. Yoders'. Others from the South dist. who attended were Min. Harvey Yoders, Min. Nelson Yoders, Dea. Fred Yoders, Toby J. Yoders, Edward Yoders, and Elmer Schmuckers. Sermons by Larry Keim, schrift by Nelson Yoder and last sermon by Harvey Yoder. North dist. is to be at Min. Larry Keims' in 2 weeks. Leroy Keim, Reno Co., was a visitor in church.

Ervin Millers from Reno Co. stopped in this area last week, leaving on Wed. for Ind. to attend a public auction of a relative. Mrs. Lester T. Yoder accompanied them. They expected to be gone a week.

Callers on Sun. p.m. with Andy Miller and children and Willie Frys were Lester H. Yoders, David T. Yoders, Toby D. Yoders, Elmer Schmuckers, Mahlon and Susie Beachy. Also there were Andy and Olen Fry, Ind.

On Feb. 25 is to be baptismal services in the South dist. at Dea. Fred Yoders' for both districts. Those to be baptized are David T. Yoders' Wilma Fern and Lester T. Yoders' Sara Mae.

Ray Schmucker and Sammie Miller attended the funeral of Allen Hostetler in Ind. the other week. Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Feb. 27--We were blessed with 2 in. of rain which is about the first real soaker since Oct.

Frances Wesselink from Hillcrest Home in Harrison, Ark. spent the weekend with Jerry and Allen Miller.

Eli Yoder, Freeman and Gene Miller, John, Sara, Samuel, Esther, Harvey and Stan Nisly, Marijane and Carol Yoder went to Winfield Prison to help Gospel Echoes Harvest Team in their seminars. They had one session on Fri. eve. and two on Sat. They all returned here on Sat. eve.

Gospel Echoes had services at a prison in Hutchinson on Sun. morn. On Sun. eve. they gave a program at Plainview fellowship hall.

Freeman Millers are here with her parents, Eli Yoders.

Ernest Yoders recently bought a house in Arlington. They had a frolic on Sat. and Mon. to replace the roof.

Sun. we had visitors at Center Church for M.C.C. Friendship Meals. Oliver Troyers were hosts to Arthur Unruh and John Goods from Newton, Perry Lee Stutzmans were host to Kirk Albiman from Hesston and Barbara Headings and Mary Nisly were hosts to Frances Jost from Hillsboro and Geoffrey Deckert from Newton. Fred Nisllys, Ken Yutzy, Conrad and Verlyn Miller and Stan Nisly went to other churches as guests.

Mrs. Enos Yoder is scheduled for surgery today. Elmer & Cora Nisly

HAVEN, KANSAS

Feb. 27--We have spring-like weather. Wheat fields are greening up. Robins have been seen.

North dist. church was held at Levi Knepps' last Sun. and to be at Glen Knepps', March 11. South dist. is to be at Harry Wayne Bontragers', March 4.

Enos Schrock, Tobie Petersheims, Eil M. and Jonas J. Bontragers, Sam J. Yoder and Rudy M. Bontrager, with Jay Miller as driver; Mrs. Eli H. Bontrager, Harry W. Bontragers and William J. Bontragers, with David Miller as driver, were to Ill. to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jake Plank on Sun. Jay's load then continued on to Ind. to attend the funeral of Mrs. Levi I. Yoder (Mary), formerly Mrs. Sam T. Schrock. She was a sis. to the late D. K. Bontrager.

Last night Jonas P. Borntragers, Elton Millers, Sam E. Bontragers, Mrs. Joe Petersheim Sr., Joe Petersheim Jr., Mrs. Glendon Ropp and Robert Troyer (Oh.), with Glen Nisly, expected to leave for Clarita, Okla. to attend the funeral today of Rachel, dau. of Norman Millers.

Joe Millers, owner of Dutch Kitchen and Yoder Cafe, received the death message of his father, Mahlon Miller of Kalona, Ia. Joes left last evening. Sons Michael and Steven and Michael's fiancée will leave this evening. Michael and Donetta have chosen March 10 for their wedding date.

Mrs. Enos C. Yoder was to have surgery this p.m. to remove a tumor from her kidneys and of the lymph node under her arm. Last week's letter should have read, she has lumps, not bumps.

Calvin, son of Merle Bontragers is growing and doing well. He is 10 years old. At the age of one he started with leukemia and about a year ago the doctors felt he is cured.

Most of our young folks, plus Davy and Toby Dean Yoders were to Garnett last Sun. to attend baptismal services.

Today 34 years ago we moved onto the grandpa Andy Miller farm as newlyweds and have lived here ever since.

Homer E. Millers report a son, Alan Lynn, since yest., Feb. 26, another grandson for Henry C. Yoders of Ind. and us. He was born at Goshen Hosp.

Eli & Katie Miller

GARNETT, KANSAS

Feb. 27--We received an inch or more rain last Wed. night and on Thurs. Has been chilly the last several days and had a light shower last eve.

Benedict E. Yoder and wife, Min. Nelson Yoders and Mrs. Andy B. Yoder and children left last Wed. for Arthur, Ill., returning home Sat. eve. Jim Welsh took them. They attended the funeral of Mrs. John Schrock Lizzie and also visited Benedict's dau., the Willard Kauffmans and a son Eddie Ray Yoders. Mrs. Andy B. Yoder also visited her parents, Abe Gingerichs and family.

Perry Millers, Tenn., visited her twin sister, the Andy B. Yoders over Sunday.

I wish to correct a misprint in my newsletter of Feb. 21. Bish. Jerry Yoder became 90 yrs. old Feb. 13 and not 96 as it stated.

S. dist. church was held Sun., Feb. 25 at the Dea. Fred Yoder home for both dists. as we had baptismal services where David T. Yoder's Wilma Fern and Lester T. Yoder's Sara Mae were baptized. Bish. John Mast of Reno Co. baptized them. We had many visitors. Others from Reno Co. that attended were Davy Lee Yoders, Toby Dean Yoders,

Bish. Ben Weavers, Mrs. Esther Keim, Ezra Yoder Jrs., David Wayne Yoders, Mrs. David Beachy and dau. and the following young folks: Leroy Keim, Vernon and David Miller, Sam Schrock, Ruth Keim, Rosetta, Thomas and Eldon Miller, Dorothy Bontrager, Ernest Yoder, Carolyn Yoder, Frances Bontrager, Kay Schrock, Naomi Yoder, Kathryn Keim, Vera Knepp, Eugene and Elaine Bontrager, Ellen Bontrager, Nancy Miller, Norma Bontrager, Becky Bontrager, Lorene Keim and a driver Glen Nisly.

From Jamesport, Mo. were Susan Yoder, also Raymond Yoders and children of Jamesport, Mo. Jim Welsh, Richmond, also attended as well as David Beachys, local, and Perry Millers, Tenn. Howard Yoders furnished lunch for church. Ray Schmuckers are to have church in the S. dist. in 2 weeks.

We had a near perfect attendance at church. Only Mrs. Edna Miller and her parents, Dea. Joel Beachys weren't there. Edna stayed at Joels' that day while David Beachys were in church.

Susie Beachy

Susan (Yoder) Miller, daughter of Toby David, Barbara (Beachy) Yoder was born Sept. 3, 1948 at Thomas, Ok. and died suddenly at her home at Garnett, Ks. on Jan. 27, age 41 years, 4 months and 24 days.

She moved with her parents to Garnett at the age of 9. Was married to Andy S. Miller on Nov. 21, 1968. Lived in matrimony 21 years, 2 months and 6 days. Was a member of the Amish church.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her bereaved husband, 5 sons and 6 daughters, all of the home. Samuel Lee (20), Marcus Leon (18), Rebecca Jean (17), Deborah Lynn (16), Kenneth Wayne (14), Rosia Marie (12), Daniel Ray (10), Eugene A. (8), Loretta Renee (6), Veralene (3), and baby Lorinda Lorene, 2 weeks and 4 days; her parents, one brother, David Garnett, Ks.; 3 sisters, Mrs. Earl (Irene) Wingard, Thomas, Ok.; Mrs. Larry (Verna) Keim and Mrs. Ivan (Dorothy) Keim, both of Garnett, Ks.; uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

One of our loving mother's great joys here on her earthly home was the outdoors, but her greatest joy was her family and her memories will live on in her loved ones' hearts forever.

Funeral services were largely attended at the Benedict E. Yoder home on Jan. 30 and was laid to rest in the Amish cemetery.

We wish to thank our many relatives and friends for the encouragement, sympathy cards, letters, money and prayers which are all appreciated.

-Husband, Children and Parents
Andy S. Miller and Toby D. Yoder

HAVEN, KANSAS

March 7--We had an all-day rain yest. The moisture was welcome after a dry winter. Wheat fields are green and alfalfa starting to green up.

South church was held at Harry W. Bontragers' and to be at Merle Bontragers' March 18th.

Wallace Millers of Evansville, Wi. spent a week here with their dau. William Jay Millers.

Amos P. Borntrager was dismissed from the hospital last Fri. after a 3-week stay. His wt. was down to 138 lbs.

Ida Schrock, at the manor, has improved again.

Levi Knepps and Sue Mullet, with Glen Nisly driver, left yest. p.m. for Jamesport, Mo. to pick up their sister Mattie Miller enroute to LaGrange, Ind. to attend the funeral of a cousin Chris D. Bontrager, son of Rosa Dans, age 72.

Alvin Frys returned last evening from a vacation to Florida. Alvin retired from Yoder Hardware on Jan. 1, 1990. He is the owner, his son Rodney is manager.

We expect Eli's parents via train tomorrow morning (William A. Miller, Topeka, In.) to visit children, grandchildren, bro. and sisters.

Enos and Clara Yoder expect to be dismissed from the hospital today. Clara had surgery last week to remove a cancerous kidney. Enos was in with another kidney stone attack.

Eli & Katie Miller

GARNETT, KANSAS

March 6--Last week we received a wet snow and was 10 degrees above zero one morn. Now it has rained off and on today and last night. Crocus are blooming and honeysuckle bushes are leafing out.

Min. Ed. Yoder and wife Laura, Reno Co. were in the area one night and day last week on business. They called on David Beachys and Dea. Joel Beachys.

Relatives here who attended the funeral of an 8-year-old girl of Norman Millers at Clarita, Ok. last Tues. were Toby J. Yoder and wife, Dea. and Mrs. Fred Yoder, Min. and Mrs. Harvey Yoder, Edward Yoder and wife and Lester T. Yoder and wife. Jim Welsh was driver.

Those going to Clarita, Ok. last Sat. for over Sun. were John A. Yoder Jr. and wife, Mary Susan, Sara Mae and LaVern Yoder, Clayton Yoder, Katie, Naomi and Laura Keim, Alvin Wayne Yoder and Carolyn Kemp. John's granddau. Lori, dau. of Herman Yoders, was baptized on Sun. along with more young people.

Merle Yoders, Paris, Tx. spent the weekend with his parents, the Ora W. Yoder family, taking more of their belongings along home. Jerry Yoders of Garden City, Mo. also visited at Ora's on Sun.

Glenn Yoder's little girls Crystal and Kimberly, El Dorado Springs, Mo. spent a few days with their grandparents, Ervin J. Yoders, the last of the week and Sun. Glenns were overnight guests of his parents, John A. Yoder Jr.s., on Thurs. night. Glenns attended an Amway meeting in Mo. a few days while the little girls stayed with the grandparents here.

N. dist. church was held at Min. Larry Keims' March 4 and to be there again in 2 weeks. Min. Harvey Yoders, Min. Nelson Yoders, Min. Fred Yoders, Toby J. Yoders, Edward T. Yoders, Feltie Schrock and Ira Yoders attended from the S. dist. Glenn Yoder's (from Mo.) little girls were also in church.

David T. Yoder's Glen and Wilma Fern spent over last Sun. in Reno Co. as did Dea. Fred Yoder's Marietta and Freddy Jr.

Alvin Beachys arrived home from Fla. last Wed. morn. after being gone most of Feb. They also visited their daus. Charlotte and Viola in S. Carolina.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 6--We had more ice and snow on Wed., but it didn't last long. Wheat fields are getting green.

Calvin Kings, Marian and Bethany Yoder went to Pa. for Calvin's sister Mary's wedding. Eli and Lydia Mast went with them to see their first grandchild in the home of Amos and Mary Anne Mast.

Elmer Ropps from Iowa had been to Tex. for a wedding and stopped in here to visit her sister and family, Perry Millers, for the weekend.

John Shenks from Can. are here visiting his bro. and family, the Harry Shenks.

David Yoders took David Quadrom to Okla. for Sunday.

Mrs. Enos Yoder had surgery last week to remove one of her kidneys. She is recovering well. On Sunday Enos visited her at the hospital and while there he had such great pain that they admitted him and he is scheduled for surgery today for kidney stones.

Mrs. Clifford Nisly had some complications; therefore, she did not come home from the hospital until yesterday.

Jason Graber, 5-year-old son of Richard Grabers, had what was supposed the flu. But they took him to the dr. when he could not keep anything down. He was then admitted to Hutchinson Hospital to remove his appendix which was ruptured. He was a very sick boy, but at this writing has improved some.

David L. Miller and Eli Yoder went to Tenn. concerning church business.

David Sommers and Nate Eichorn from Hillcrest Home were here over the weekend visiting David's friend Yvonne Nisly and other former Hillcresters.

Mary Esther and Joanna Coblentz from Mo. are here with their relatives. Barbara Nisly, an aunt, had plans to return home with them.

Nine weeks at C.B.S. are history. Menno and Edna Nisly and Daniel Nisly, who were teachers and cooks helper, Mae Yoder, the matron, Debra and Brenda Nisly, students, all returned home on Sat.

Lorna Roher has returned to her home in Va. after spending some months here working in restaurants and becoming better acquainted with her friend Myron Miller. Mrs. Lizzie Wagler, where Lorna stayed, went with her and will visit her nieces in the east before returning home.

Elmer Nisly

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 6--We had about ½ in. moisture 10 days ago. Have had some warmer days since. Wheat fields are greening up. Some oats is being sown.

Tobe L. and Treva Yoder of Centreville, Mich. visited at the Mervin Headings' home Wed. evening.

Church at Alvin Beachys' again next time (ordings gmay). Strangers attending (baptismal service) Sun. were Robert Troyers of Ohio, Marietta Yoder of Garnett and Leon and Linda Miller, Iowa. From Okla. were Miriam, Polly, Earl and Ernest Miller; Melvin Jr., Michael and Lori Yoder, Dewayne Detweiler and Galen Ropp. From Yoder dist. were Naomi Yoder, Rosette and Nancy Miller and Harry A. Bontragers. Locals were John Earl Yoders, Wm. Nislys, Eli Yutzy, Ruby Miller and Dorothea Nisly. Most of the young folks had come for the occasion and services where Jerry Beachy was baptized, son of Harley Beachys. We had 18 girls and 13 boys among the young folks Sun.

Robert Troyers and their daughters, the Glen Millers and Wm. Beachys, expect to be in the Garnett area over next Sunday.

We did call Phoenix Sat. morn. to see how Pete Miller is getting along since his hip repair there. He is doing o.k. and going on crutches which he may have to do for about 10 weeks more. If x-rays show o.k. March 21 they hope to go back to Ohio about the 26th.

Mrs. Enos C. Yoder (Clara) of Yoder had surgery Feb. 28 for removal of one kidney which had a malignant tumor on the inside. Removing the kidney the doctor said that all roots, ect. were taken out. She is getting along as good as can be expected.

Tue. morn.--Enos C. Yoder had a kidney stone attack Sun. morn. in church, so he drove to the hospital, stopping twice on the way to the hospital with pain. He got up to Clara's room and after checking with a nurse and doctor he was admitted in a room across the hall from Clara. After receiving shots and medication he was feeling better Monday. Plans are to remove the kidney stone this p.m.

Jason Graber, 5-year-old son of Richard Grabers, was admitted to Hutchinson Hospital Friday eve. for an emergency appendix operation which was already ruptured and a very sick boy but by last eve. he was feeling real good again. John & Anna Headings

Haven, Kansas

In loving memory of dear husband, father, grandfather, Eli H. Bontrager, passed away of a heart attack March 29, 1977, age 61 years.

Dear Dad,
Again it is this time of the year,
When your birthday time is here;
Mar. 12th was the date, and we always liked
to celebrate.
With family and loved ones gathered
around,
Singing "Happy Birthday" Dody, was a
welcome sound.
The years have been long, since we had to
part,
You've gone from our midst - but not from
our hearts.
Your loving concern for each one and all,
Your laughter and mirth we fondly recall.
Singing was also an enjoyment for you,
It eased the trials of life, that we went
through.
Your greatest desire for our family,
Was that with Christ they'd unite.
So at the end of life's journey, our robes will
all be white.

Washed in the blood of our Saviour and
King;
So we can join hands and joyfully sing,
Praises to our Redeemer and Lord,
As we read in God's Holy Word.
When we meet on Heaven's shore,
There to part never more.
-Your Loving Companion & Family

In loving memory of Brent Detweiler,
son of Wallace and Sue Detweiler; died
March 13, 1989, age 17 years.

One year has now passed, Brent,
Since you left us here below;
We still can feel it keenly,
Of the time you had to go.

Cancer came and took its toll,
Your health did fade away;
Your robust body lost its strength,
Slowly day by day.

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be;
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered "Come to me."

When the evening shadows fall,
And we're sitting all alone;
In our hearts there comes a longing,
For the voice we know is gone.

All your pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing is past;
You are now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

-Missed by Mom, Dad,
Douglas, Wendal and Eric

GARNETT, KANSAS

March 13--Are having showers every few days and as warm as 76 degrees on Mon.

Wesley Yoder and wife Rosella arrived home from their few months stay in Fla. last week.

Ora W. Yoder accompanied his sister, the Floyd Frys of Reno Co. to Ind. last Thurs. to attend a wedding. They arrived home on Mon.

Ervin Yoders and Ruth, with Jim Welsh as driver, left early Sun. morn. for Leon, Iowa, returning home Mon. eve. Ervin's dau., the Glenn Yoders of El Dorado Springs, Mo., moved to Leon the last of the week.

Here awhile back Ira Yoders bought Noah Stutzman's house in Mt. Ida. This week Ira's son, the LaVern Yoders of Jamesport, Mo. expect to come and move into the house.

Last Sun. church services were held for both dists. in Mt. Ida in the Noah Stutzman house with Ray Schmuckers furnishing the eats. Visiting ministers were Min. & Mrs. Robert R. Troyer of Ohio who had been visiting their daus. in Reno Co. Also here were Min. Abe Yoder and Bish. John Mast; also coming from Reno Co. were the Troyer's daus. Glen Millers and children and William Beachy and wife, with Jay Miller and son as drivers. Leroy Keim, Reno Co., also was a visitor, perhaps others.

Abe Yoder gave the first sermon, John Mast read schrift and Robert Troyer the main sermon. S. dist. is to be at Edward T. Yoder's in 2 weeks and is to be council meeting.

Toby D. Yoder and wife stayed with Dea. Joel Beachys on Sun. Joels are up and around and are about as usual. Joel is quite confused.

Mrs. Aden Miller, Golden City, Mo. area came and got her parents Bish. Jerry Yoders a week ago and they spent most of the week there. Jerry had his dentures worked on at Mt. Vernon, Mo. while there.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 13--Spring seems to be here and we are thankful for the moisture. Wheat fields are lush and green.

Mary Emma Zook and Mrs. John Nisly went to Mo. and picked up their sister, Mrs. Melvin Mast, and continued on to Belle Center, Ohio to help care for their mother who has cancer. Doris Miller went with them to Plain City to spend some time with her bro. Curtis and Lorene Miller. They plan to return home today.

Perry and Judith Stutzman and Marijane Yoder went to Belgium, Europe to visit Judith's sister Janelle Nisly and uncle Paul Yoders. Perry's children are staying with their grandparents, Melvin Nislys and Rosa Yoder.

Marvin Benders and Mrs. Enos Msat were here with their dau. and granddau. Polly, Mrs. Bobby Depew for the weekend.

LaVern and Rebecca Miller and 3 bros. welcomed John David into their home on March 12th. Grandparents are Ervin Millers and Mrs. Emma Miller.

Sunday was another M.C.C. fellowship meal day with visitors at Center and Cedar Crest. We attended services at Ebenfeld Menn. Brethren Church at Hillsboro and were in the home of Don Sudermans. Ella and Mary Nisly were at Clair Grabers' in Pretty Prairie.

Lydia Stoltzfus fell and was taken to the hospital by ambulance on Thurs. She has a cracked pelvis. All of our other hospital patients have returned home.

A group of women were at Ernest Yoders' house in Arlington on Monday to strip off the old varnish and paint. They are adding a new dining room, utility room and upstairs bedrooms, plus remodeling elsewhere.

Elmer and Cora Nisly

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 20--Last Tues. eve. at 4:30 a tornado dipped down at Castleton taking a ½ mile swathe between Yoder and Haven and going northeast for 100 miles. It was very destructive, taking nearly everything in its path. There were 3 deaths reported. Most of the path was rural area except for the town of Hesston being in its path. Many willing hands have been helping with the cleanup. It is cooler and calm this week now.

Raymond Helmuth from Tenn. is here shearing sheep. Richard Graber took his sister, the Willard Masts, to Ind. to visit their parents. They were delayed in starting on Tues. evening due to the storm.

Mrs. Menno Nisly had open heart surgery last Friday, putting in 5 bypasses. She is doing quite well, but tires easily. This was performed at Wesley Medical in Wichita.

Dr. Jana and Melody Nisly from Wichita were with her parents, Samuel Nislys, over the weekend.

Dan Schraggs from N.Y. are here with their daus. Ann and Pauline. The girls recently moved into the basement at Mrs. Mary Yoder's.

Elmer and Daniel Nisly, Ed, Laura and Carol Yoder, Ken Yutzy, Donald, Donna and Gene Miller went to Topeka Prison for fellowship and services with the trainees over the weekend.

Mrs. Joe Beachy (Mary) came with Lydia, Lavine, Cora and Viola Hostetler from Iowa who came to visit their sister Darlene, Mrs. John Miller. Mary and her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Wagler visited their aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Yoder, on Sunday evening.

Bro. Gary Miller went to Ind. on Monday for a week of meetings at the Woodlawn Church.

Elmer and Cora Nisly

HAVEN, KANSAS

March 18--We have plenty of moisture now, wheat and alfalfa fields are greening up.

This community was saddened last Tues. eve., March 13, about 5 o'clock when a heavy black cloud with a funnel roared through here. It hit the Floyd Fry home, leaving not much but the house, and it has to be torn down, and build a new one.

The next place was Bill Royers, also leaving only the house. I think they will also build a new one. This is the place where Manass Crist Millers used to live and moved to Ind. when I was a little girl.

The next place was where Harvey Millers used to live long ago. (C. John's Harvey). They built the house when their other one burned down. Probably 60 or more years ago. Toby Yoders live there now, a young couple with 2 children. He is the son of David T. Yoders of Garnett and she is Wilma, dau. of Enos W. Millers. They were in the basement when the storm hit and it blew everything away they had. They are homeless and are staying with her folks. They have lots of help to straighten up and have the basement dug for a new house and are having frolics to build a barn.

Floyd Frys have moved to Yoder while their buildings are being put up.

On the old Geffert place everything was gone but the house. Lynn Gefferts live there. They also have to put up new buildings.

Amos Borntrager is back in the hospital. His sister Susan and Jake Plank were here to visit them.

Willie Millers of Ind. were here over last Sun. They and Enos Schrock and Eli Millers left Tues. for Garnett and to Jamesport, Mo. and spent today at Utica, Mn.

Tony Brauers also had a lot of storm damage that they have to tear down their house and rebuild. They live neighbors to Toby Yoders.

Emma Keim

GARNETT, KANSAS

March 21--We had a couple inches rain last week and again a slow drizzle on Sun. We had 23° on Mon. morn. and 22° Tues. morn. Grass needs mowing.

The first purple martin scout I've heard of for this spring was March 9 at the Ervin and Raymond Yoder home.

Wesley Yoders moved to a house east of Harris last week on Hwy. 31. Their parents were helping them in cleaning the house, etc. for a few days.

LaVern Yoders, Jamesport, Mo., came on Thurs. with their belongings and are making their home in Mt. Ida in the former Noah Stutzman house. Heard LaVern aims to help Feltie Schrock on carpenter work for the present.

David T. Yoders and children, also their son Andy Ray Yoder were to Reno Co. on Thurs. to visit and help what they could at their son Toby Dean Yoder's who lost all their buildings in a tornado on March 13. Their dau. Wilma and son Raymond stayed for the rest of the week. Others going to Reno Co. the last of the week were LaVern Keims, Alvin Wayne, Glen, Henry, all Yoders, Carolyn Kemp, Becky, Marcus, Debbie and Loretta Miller.

Noah Millers and their son Howard Millers and family, Ind., visited their relatives here on Fri. and went on to Reno Co. Mrs. Willie Fry Wilma accompanied them, but stayed here with her son Andy Miller and children, aiming to stay a few weeks.

Willie Millers, Ind., who had visited in Reno Co., came on Tues. Others from Reno Co. who came with them were Min. Eli Millers and Enos Schrock. Willies and Elis visited their dau. and sister, Dea. Fred Yoders. Enos Schrock were overnight guests at Toby D. Yoders'. These folks also visited others in this area. They returned to Reno Co. on Wed. again.

Some of Elam Riehls' children from

Ind. are visiting their relatives here this week. They had also visited in Reno Co.

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Dea. Joel P. Beachy had a birthday March 17 and became 90 yrs. old. Their children were all here for the occasion. Perry and Elizann Yoder came from Montezuma, Ga., Ira and Susie Thomas, Ind. and Melvin Beachy, Thomas, Okla. Joel's son David Beachys live here as does Mrs. Edna Miller. The family was together on Sat. at the David Beachy home and on Sunday at Harley C. Yoders'. Joels were also taken to Harleys' on Sunday for dinner.

To Mrs. Lloyd Troyer, Whiteville, Tenn. I have clipped and saved my letters I have written for The Budget and I've written since Feb. 1956. I have them pasted in books.

Susie Beachy

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 18--A few light showers the past 2 weeks. Wheat fields are greening up.

Church at Roman Yoders' next time with communion services. Strangers attending at Alvin Beachys' today were Freeman Ropps and Lavern Ropps of Iowa, who are here visiting their brother and sister, the Glendon Ropps and Morris Yoders. Orvin Ropp is the van driver. He is a brother to Duane Ropp of here. They will leave for Okla. on Tuesday.

Willie Mast and family of Tulsa, Okla. were visitors with a cousin Sylvan Fishers Sat. night and also attended our church with them. They had come Sat. in response to M.D.S. work in the area.

Harley Headings received word Monday p.m. from Ohio of the death of Katie's grandmother Lydia Ann Yoder, 95. The family, with Eli Jay Miller as driver, left Tues. noon for the funeral which was on Thurs. a.m. They came back to Napp., Ind. on Fri. to be with her father, Dan Yoder. They are at home again.

Kansas had quite a few tornadoes last Tuesday evening with one of the largest

and most destructive ones dipping down about 4:15, 2 miles northeast of Pretty Prairie cutting a swath $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide, going northeast missing Castleton, going between Haven and Yoder directly thru Hesston, where it did a lot of damage. Seven homes in one area were completely wiped out. It went between Hillsboro and Marion and thru White City where it lifted up. A distance of 100 miles from where it started, staying on the ground all the way.

A 6-year-old boy in Burrton and a 63-year-old lady, of Gossell were the only deaths.

Among the homes some of our readers would have known that were completely wiped out were Eli M. Bontragers of Burrton, Toby Dean Yoders of Yoder and the Floyd Fry buildings, except part of the house. It will be torn down.

Enos C. Yoders are gaining slowly from their surgery and attempts to remove the kidney stone.

Dave Jones was unable to attend church on Sunday on account of fever and upset stomach.

The annual hospital aid meeting will be April 3 at the Harry Bontrager Jr. home in Yoder area.

The Headings women will be together at the Barbara Headings home Tues., the 20th.

John and Anna Headings

The Great Tornado Of Mar. 13, 1990 At Haven, Ks.

Prior to March 13 we had 6 to 7 unseasonably warm, damp days. Concrete was very wet. Any metal or iron inside a building was dripping with moisture.

March 13 (Tues.) began with a very cloudy morn. and a tornado watch for most of Kansas. We had a .40 rain shower mixed with hail around 10 a.m. and some tornados spotted in western Kansas.

Things calmed down somewhat till around 4 p.m. we could see a thin long high thunderhead developing very fast in the S.W. and at Yoder they said we are under a severe weather watch.

So I hurried home from Yoder coming home around 4:30 p.m. and this storm had grown quite intense in just a short 30 minutes.

You could hear a steady rolling thunder and also a loud roaring sound. That was a very heavy rain accompanied by a severe hail storm around Yoder and to the west, north and east. A lot of homes had all the west and north windows broken as the hail was golfball size up to some baseball.

S.E. of Yoder the rain and hail were less but we soon saw something else that was in store for us that made our hearts quiver. Only those who have ever witnessed a tornado form and come closing in on them, will know the feeling we had.

My mother stood watching the churning clouds, getting darker when all of a sudden she told us to come over and take a look, that she saw a tornado form. We did not have to be summoned the second time. To our amazement it was a tornado down on the ground and a huge one at that. My first thought was, it can't be or is it real, but it looked just like the one pictured in the "Mighty Whirlwind" of Palm Sunday in 1965 at Elkhart-LaGrange, Ind.

This one also was very wide at the bottom and it was coming straight towards us and we could see small twisters spinning off to one side and the other. Many thoughts raced through my mind -- what should we do -- where is the safest place for our family -- I quickly raced to the barn to open the gate that kept the cows in, as we were done milking and they were peacefully munching their hay, not knowing what was about to happen.

I came back to where the rest of the family was watching it come, and it was much closer, still coming right towards us. How we could hear roaring, sounding just like we heard so often already -- "sounding like a freight train". And we could see the swirling action. I said I feel sorry for wherever that hits, as the base was very wide (from a half mile to a mile wide).

I took one glance around the farm yard wondering if this would be the last time to see it as it is now. I quickly ran out to the road and hollered "tornado" as loud as I could over towards our new neighbors north of us, the Jonas R. Bontragers, and in doing so I also heard the tornado sirens blowing in Haven about 5 miles to the east and also heard our neighbor to the south (Floyd Webster on the Chupp corner) hollering "tornado".

Then we opened some windows and headed for the basement and soon heard a knock on the door which was my cousin and neighbor Mrs. Irene (Keim) Bontrager and son Wayne. They joined us in our basement. Jonas was not home from work yet. It was now 5:48 p.m.

Keith, our oldest son, had kept watching it till he saw the leaves fly off the small oak tree as if by a giant vacuum sweeper.

We waited for a crashing sound but nothing happened and it was getting lighter outside, as if the sun was about to shine, so we came up to look around. It was now 4:51 p.m.

We were not hit and we breathed a prayer of thanks. As we went out the door to view the east and south, we soon saw that Bill Royers were hit (the Manass Christ Miller home, one mile east of us).

The funnel had started around Castletown going N.E. and stayed on the ground over 2 hours traveling a distance of 100 miles or more, most of the way with 250 mph winds or higher. It went right through Hesston, Ks. doing lots of severe damage.

There were only 3 people killed and most people took shelter in the basement. Some got in their cars and drove off to the side for safety.

The first home site wiped out in the Yoder area was 3 miles south of Yoder at the Mick Astle farm (John Bontrager).

The funnel changed its course to a more eastward position, thus missing us by only a 1/4 mile. Next it hit Floyd Fry's (Amos J. Fry place), taking everything but the house which is also damaged. Polly was by herself in the basement and was quite shook up and was admitted to Hutchinson Hospital for about 20 hours. She is fine again.

Next it hit the old Royer farm (Eli J. Bontrager farm), taking everything that was left of the old farmstead. Bill Royer farm was next (Manass Christ Miller farm), taking all buildings but the house, which is badly damaged that it also will have to be torn down. I always had admired those big barns on that place. Their farm appeared on many newspapers across the nation.

Next it hit Tony Brauers and Toby Yoders. Tobys had just bought the farm and remodeled the house and built a new barn. It was the old Herman Brauer or C. John Miller place. They were the only Amish to be hit. They lost everything. The big 3-story house was completely gone, only the foundation left. All they had was the clothes they had on but they and their 2 little children were not injured.

Next in line was the old Geffert farm taking all the out-buildings and the big 3-story house was shifted on the foundation and will also be torn down.

David A. Bontragers, on the Tucker place, were also hit but the house will be fixed up again.

It then crossed the Arkansas River and later struck at D.K. Bontragers son Eli. They also lost everything, house and all out-buildings. They drove off in their car and the house fell into the basement along with an implement. They probably would not have survived in their basement.

There were 12 tornadoes in Ks. that afternoon and night and 59 in the giant storm system from Texas, Ok., Ks., Ne., Mo., Iowa, Wi. and Ill.

There were many unusual happenings like there usually are in such severe storms. A ewe was hanging in a tree, a horse with 2 pieces of wood through its stomach, a wheel from a wagon blown over a mile away, etc.

A lot has been cleaned up and much more to go. Toby Yoders have begun to build a barn and house. Their address is Rt. 2, Haven Kansas 67543.

Kenneth J. Keim

A1
Albiman 12
Anderson 6
Astle 21
B1
Beachy 2-4-6-10
11-13-14-16-17-18
19-20
Bender 17
Bishop 8
Bontrager 1-2-3
4-6-7-9-12-13-14
16-20-21
Borntrager 1-4
6-11-12-13-14
18-21
Brauer 18-21
Bylers 7
C1
Chupp 5
Coblentz 7-15
D1
Deckert 12
Depew 17
Detweiler 16
E1
Eash 5-6
Eichorn 15
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Fisher 20
Fry 2-6-11-14-17
18-19-20-21
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Geffert 18-21
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Good 12
Graber 15-16-17-18
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Helmuth 5-18
Hershberger 5
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Hostetler 1-11-18
Hutchinson 3
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Jones 20
Jost 12
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